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SUBJ: STATE OF EMERGENCY LIFTED

1. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED FEB 26 THAT STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAIMED JAN 26 WAS ENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE SIGNED FEB 26. A SECOND COMMUNIQUE ADVISED THAT MIDNIGHT TO 4A.M. CURFEW REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR TUNIS AND SUBURBS. MINISTRY ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT BEGINNING FEB 26 ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES WOULD HENCEFORTH TAKE PLACE ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE AND IN PRESENCE OF PUBLIC.

2. LIFE IN CAPITAL APPEARS TO HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. MILITARY AND NATIONAL GUARD FORCES ARE NO LONGER IN EVIDENCE AND POLICE PRESENCE SEEMS ABOUT NORMAL. BECAUSE OF CURFEW0 EVENING TRAFFIC IS MUCH QUIETER THAN USUAL. DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH ACCORDING TO RUMOR, WERE, WERE TO TAKE PLACE ON FEB 25 TO TO COINCIDE WITY UGTT CONGRESS DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

3. ONE EXCEPTION TO THIS APPEARANCE OF NORMALCY IA AT UNIVERSITY. GOVERNMENT CLEARLY HAS NOT
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ACCEDED TO DEMANDS OF STRIKING STUDENTS THAT POLICE AND VIGILES BE WITHDRAWN. ENTRANCES TO UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND TO RESIDENCE AREAS ARE STILL GUARDED BY RIOT CONTROL POLICE, AND REGUALR POLICE ARE IN EVIDENCE IN LIMITED NUMBERS ON CAMPUS ITSELF. WE UNDERSTAND VIGILES ARE ALSO STILL STATIONED INSUDE BUILDINGS. STUDENTS STRIKES SEEM TO BE OVER, HOWEVER.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY, AND LARGE
NUMBERS OF UNIVERCITY STUDENTS APPEAR TO HAVE RETURNED
TO CLASSES. MULCAHY

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